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**Via E-Mail ONLY**

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Re: Public Records Request of July 3, 2019

Dear Ms. Sasani:

The Boston Public Health Commission ("Commission") is in receipt of your July 3, 2019 request for *"all documents--including memorandums, official communications, reports--that occurred between January 2013 and December 2017, pertaining to the decision to approve the NEIDL BSL-4 Lab."*

We are pleased to assist in compiling responsive documents. However, due to the number of documents, and the fact that documents need to be reviewed for materials that are subject to withholding under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, the Commission estimates that it will require 15 additional business days, as provided under as provided under 950 CMR 32.06(2)(i), to produce the documents you request. We will provide these to you no later than August 7, 2019.

Under 950 CMR 37.09(1) of the Public Records Law, you may appeal the Commission's response to the Supervisor of Records within 90 days, or you may seek judicial remedy in Superior Court or in the Supreme Judicial Court. All appeals to the Supervisor of Records must be submitted to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Public Records Division  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1719  
Boston, MA 02108

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (617) 534-5609 or at [brazza@bphc.org](mailto:brazza@bphc.org).

Sincerely,

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